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President: Mr. Ashe ..... (Antigua and Barbuda)

The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m.

Agenda item 7 (*continued*)

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items

The President: I should now like to consult members on the rotation of the Chairs of the six Main Committees of the General Assembly for the forthcoming sessions.

I would first like to thank the regional groups for the flexibility demonstrated in the distribution of the Chairs of the Main Committees for the current session, which was in large part made possible by the interim arrangements recently approved on the pattern for the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees for the next five sessions of the Assembly. The arrangement reached on the rotation of the chairmanships of the six Main Committees among the five regional groups for the forthcoming sessions is as follows.

For the sixty-ninth session, the First Committee goes to the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) goes to the Group of Asia-Pacific States; the Second Committee goes to the Group of Western European and other States; the Third Committee goes to the Group of Asia-Pacific States; the Fifth Committee goes to the Group of Eastern European States; and the Sixth Committee goes to the Group of African States.

For the seventieth session, the First Committee goes to the Group of Western European and other States; the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) goes to the Group of African States; the Second Committee goes to the Group of Eastern European States; the Third Committee goes to the Group of African States; the Fifth Committee goes to the Group of Asia-Pacific States; and the Sixth Committee goes to the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

For the seventy-first session, the First Committee goes to the Group of African States; the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) goes to the Group of Eastern European States; the Second Committee goes to the Group of Asia-Pacific States; the Third Committee goes to the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; the Fifth Committee goes to the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and the Sixth Committee goes to the Group of Western European and other States.

For the seventy-second session, the First Committee goes to the Group of Asia-Pacific States; the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) goes to the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; the Second Committee goes to the Group of Eastern European States; the Third Committee goes to the Group of Western European and other States; the Fifth Committee goes to the Group of African States; and the Sixth Committee goes to the Group of Asia-Pacific States.

For the seventy-third session, the First Committee goes to the Group of Eastern European States; the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) goes to the Group of African

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States; the Second Committee goes to the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; the Third Committee goes to the Group of Asia-Pacific States; the Fifth Committee goes to the Group of Western European and other States; and the Sixth Committee goes to the Group of African States.

The distribution of the Chairs, as I have just read out, is of course without prejudice to the possibility for regional groups to swap chairmanships among themselves, or to paragraph 22 of resolution 67/297, of 29 August 2013, by which the Assembly mandated the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly to prepare arrangements during the current session concerning the election of Chairs and Rapporteurs of the Main Committees, with the aim of establishing a predictable, transparent and fair mechanism.

May I take it that the General Assembly decides to approve this interim arrangement concerning the rotation of Chairs of the Main Committees for the next five sessions of the Assembly?

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 3.05 p.m.